











THEY SPEAK
TO ME IN MUCH
THE SAME WAY
THAT THE ISLAND
SPEAKS TO ME.

IT LOOKS
DIFFERENT
THAN BEFORE.

WHEN A NORMAL PERSON
WEARS IT, THE ANCHOR
COUNTERS THE EFFECTS
FROGOBLIMS HAVE OVER REALITY



IT IS A
CONSTANT
OCCURANCE



WHEN YOU
PUT IT ON,
THE ANCHOR
BLOCKED THE
ENERGY MAGGOT
USED TO
KEEP YOU
HUMAN.

NOW...
IT IS
DORMANT.



WAIT, SO,
IS MAGGOT
OKAY NOW?

HER CONDITION HAS
IMPROVED FOR THE
MOMENT... BUT THE
TWO OF YOU WILL
CONTINUE TO WEAKEN
IF YOU REMAIN IN A
COOLER CLIMATE.





YOU HAVE NO TIME
FOR THIS.
JUST LOOK AROUND.

NOW!



WHERE—

WHERE
ARE WE?



THESE RUINS
WERE CARVED INTO
THIS CRATER IN
ANCIENT TIMES.

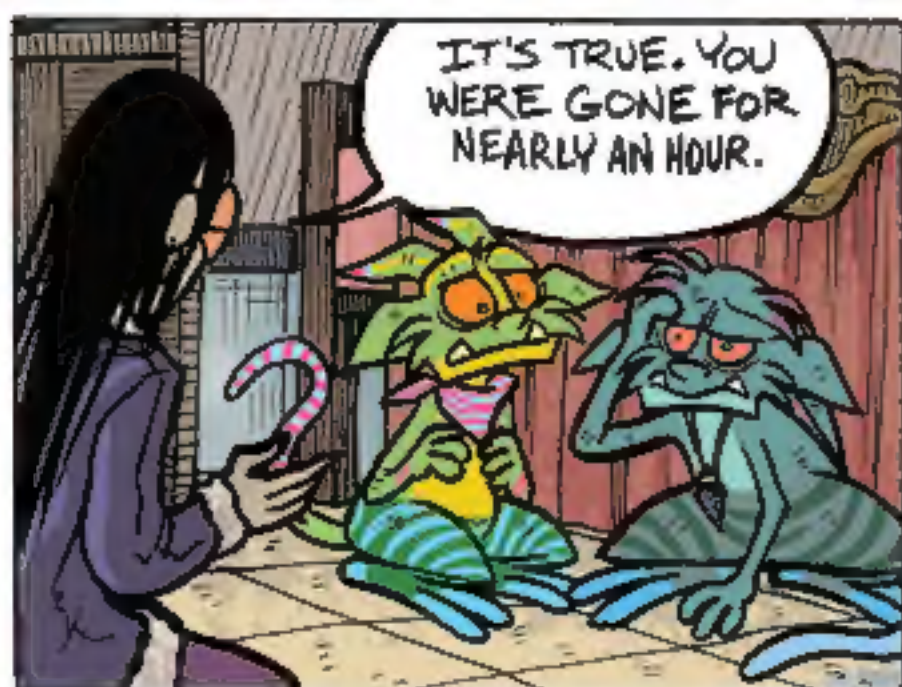
BUT MANKIND
HAS LONG SINCE
FORGOTTEN IT.

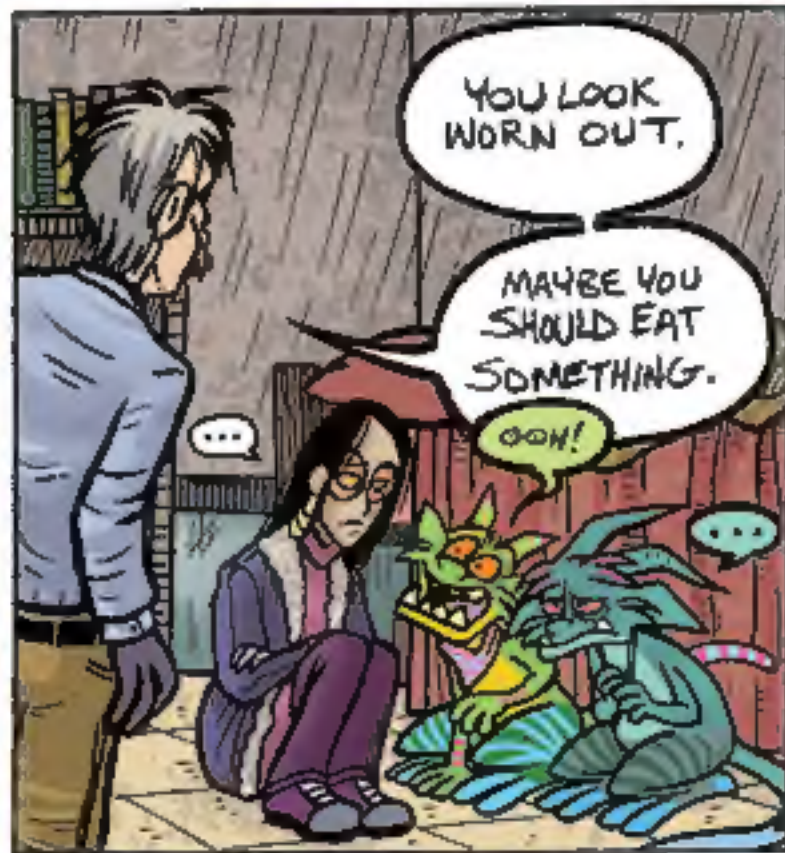
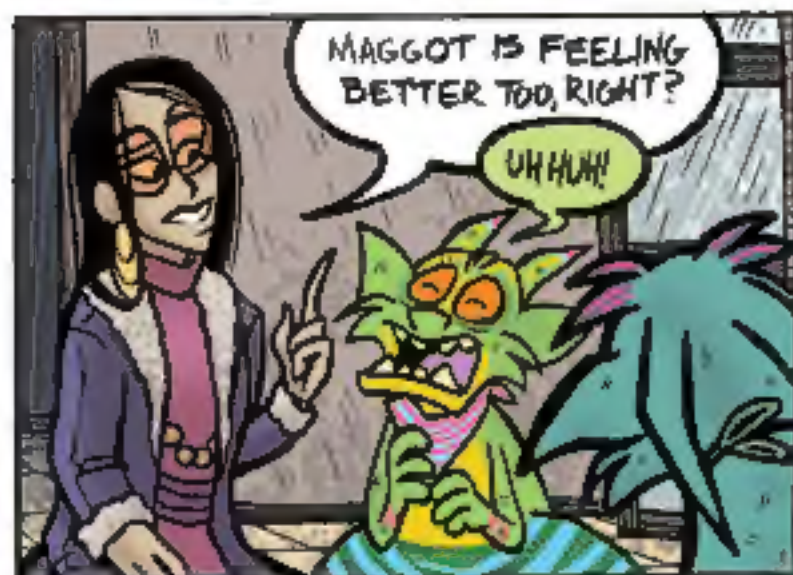


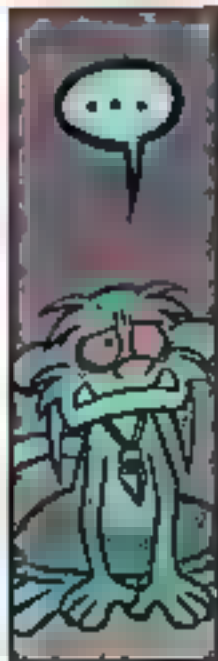
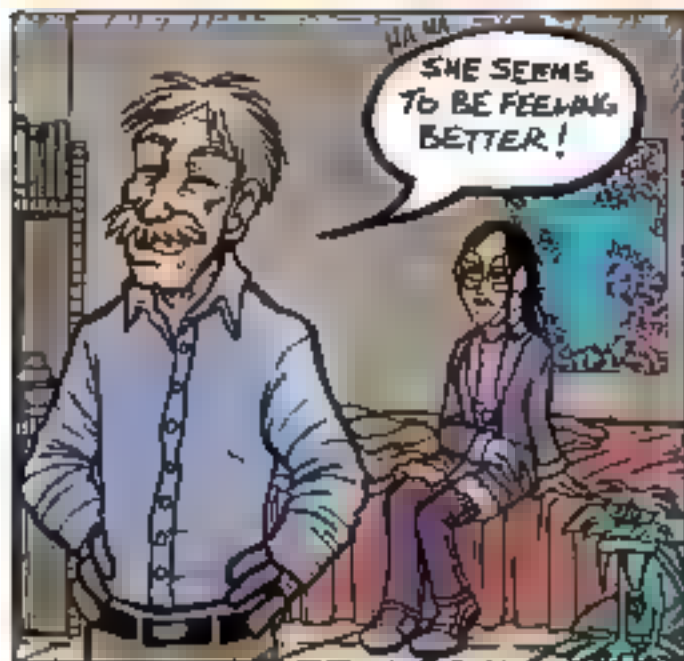
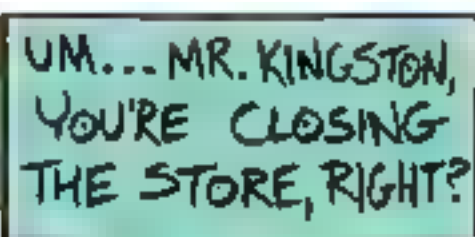
TIME IS SHORT.
THERE IS
SOMETHING ELSE
YOU SHOULD KNOW.



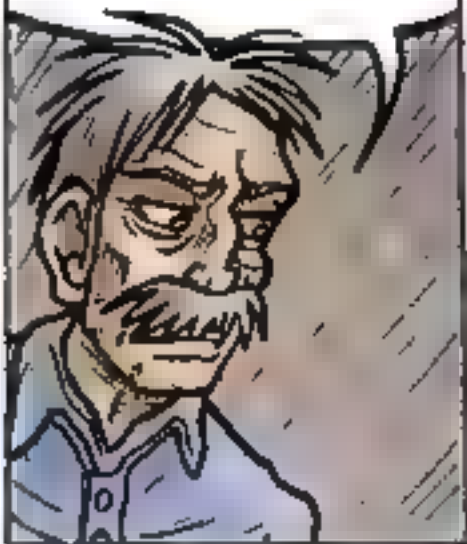






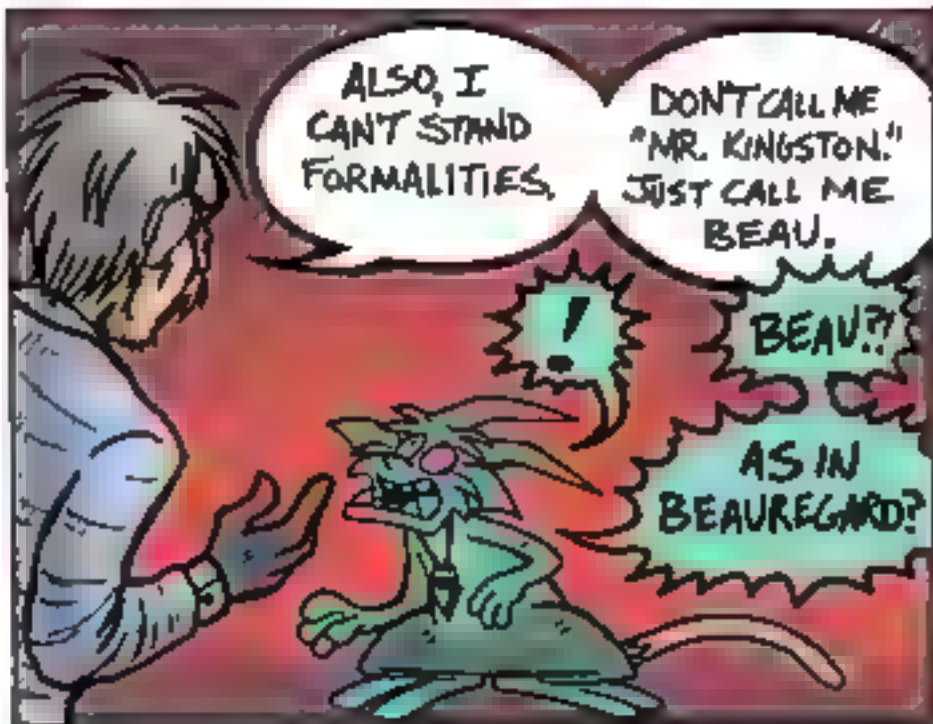


YES. THE STORE
WILL CLOSE.



ALSO, I
CAN'T STAND
FORMALITIES.

DON'T CALL ME
"MR. KINGSTON."
JUST CALL ME
BEAU.

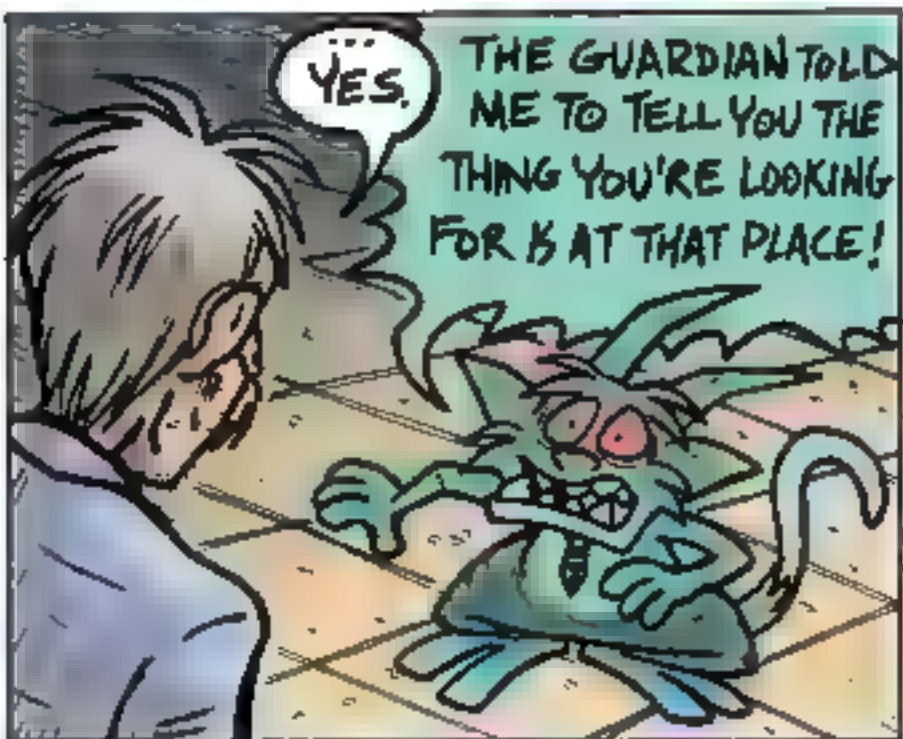


BEAU?!

AS IN
BEAUREGARD?

...
YES.

THE GUARDIAN TOLD
ME TO TELL YOU THE
THING YOU'RE LOOKING
FOR IS AT THAT PLACE!

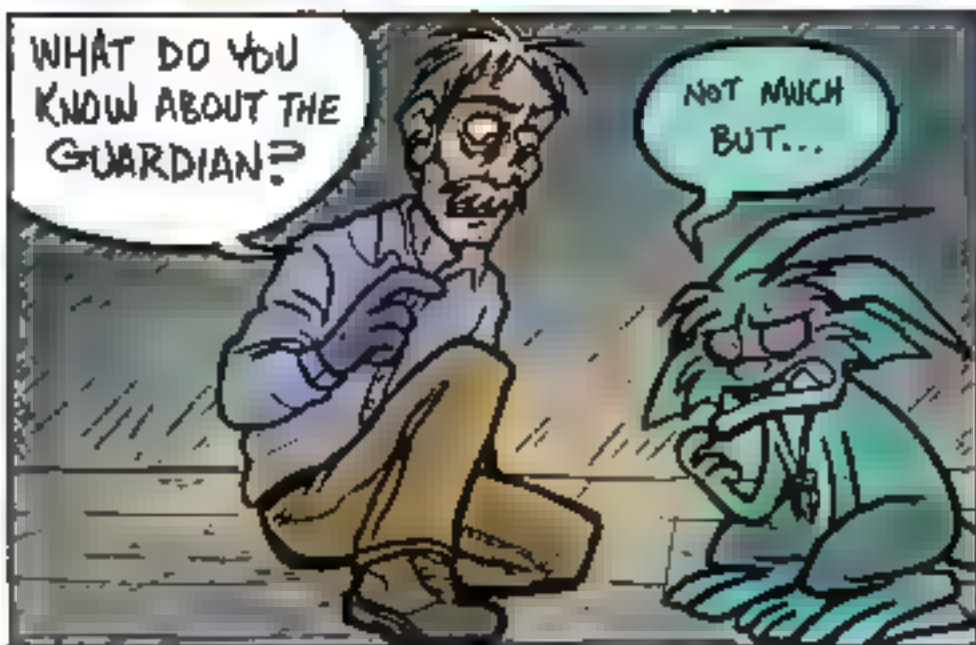


THE GUARDIAN?
WAIT, SLOW
DOWN.



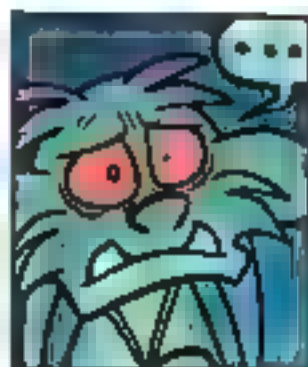
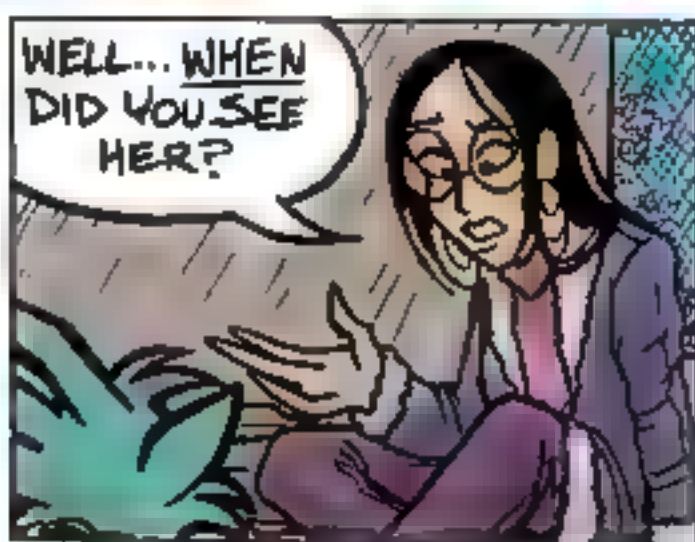
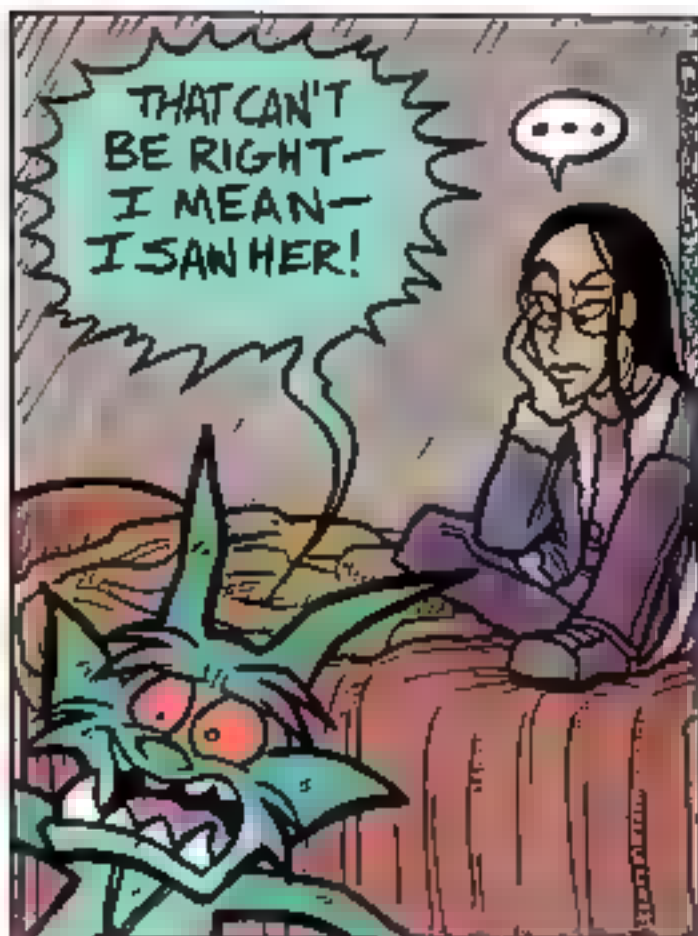
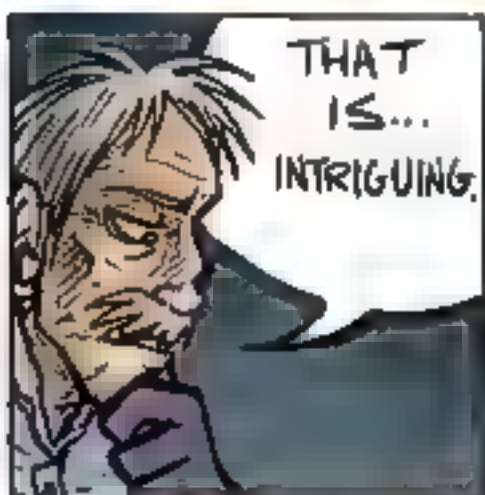
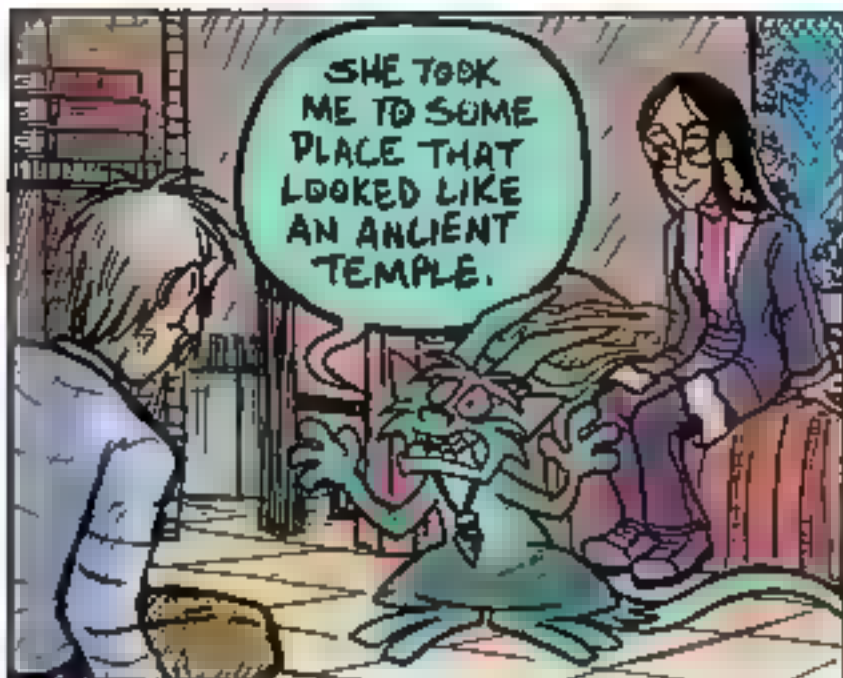
WHAT DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT THE
GUARDIAN?

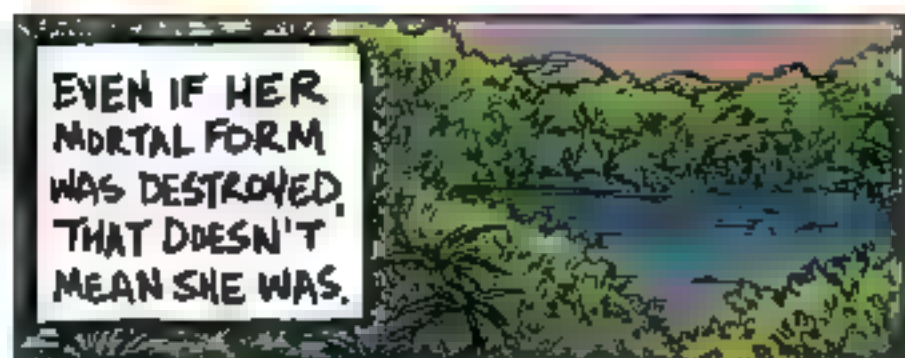
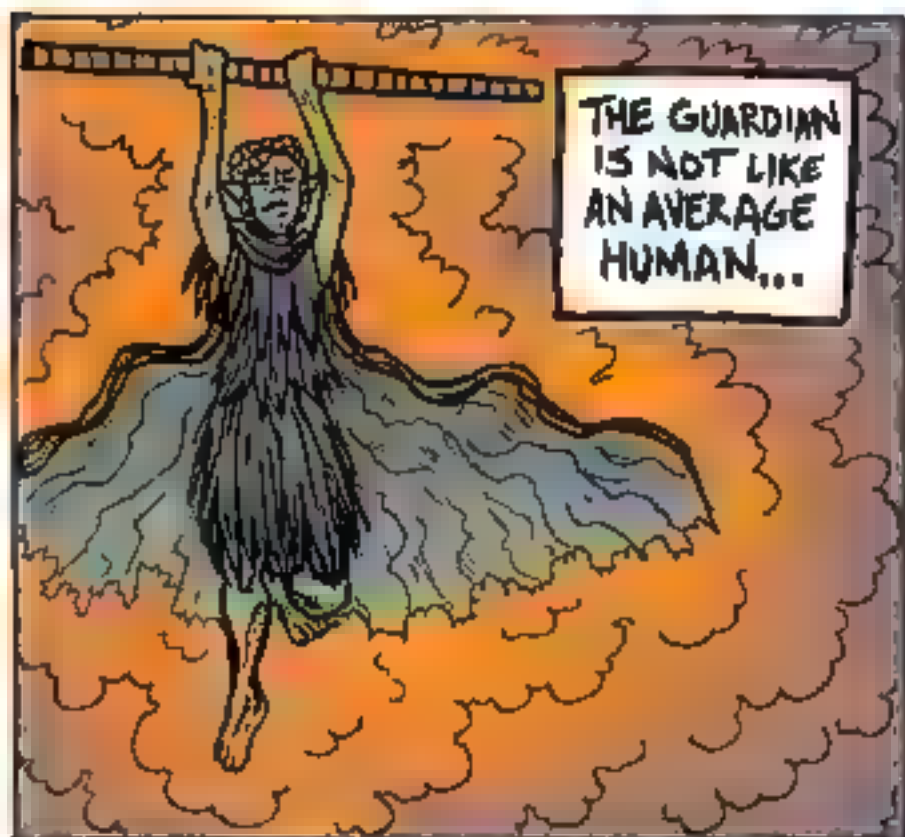
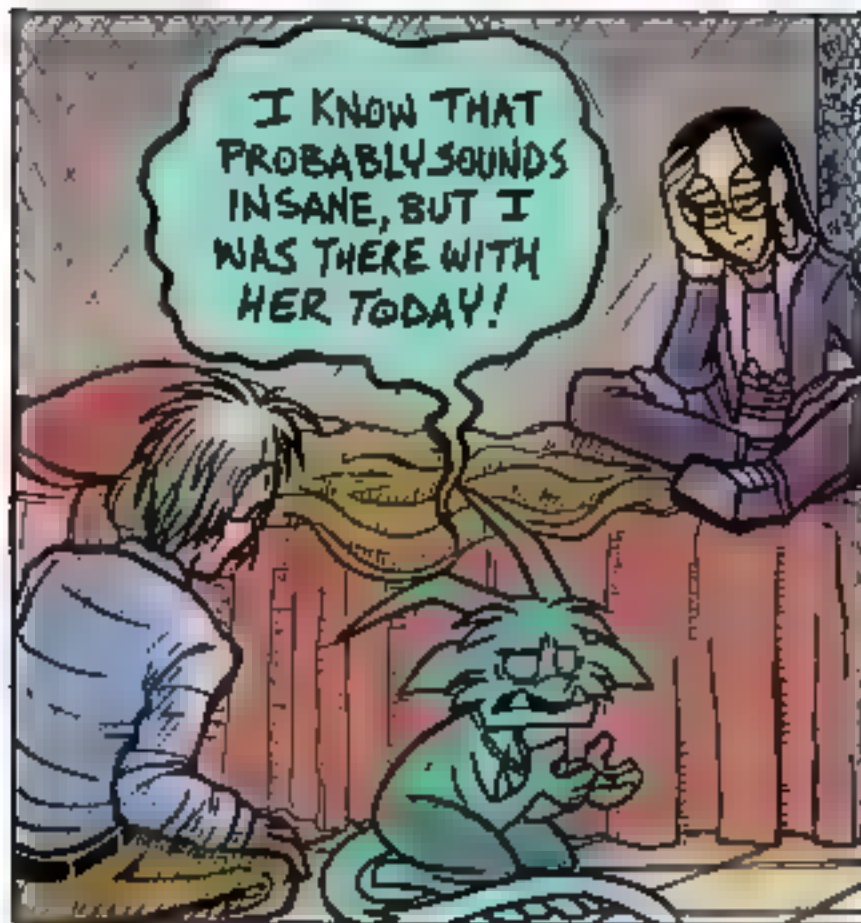
NOT MUCH
BUT...

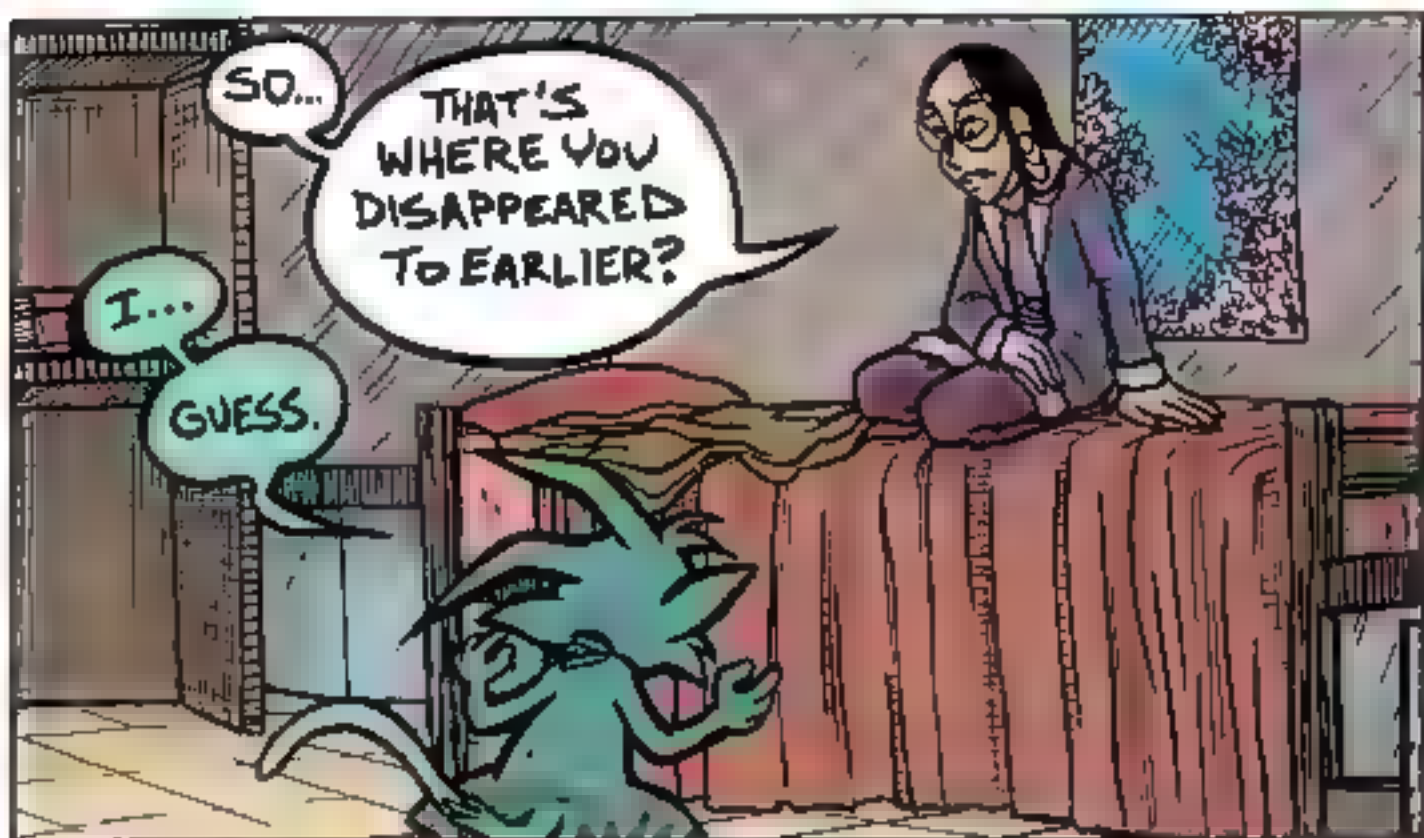
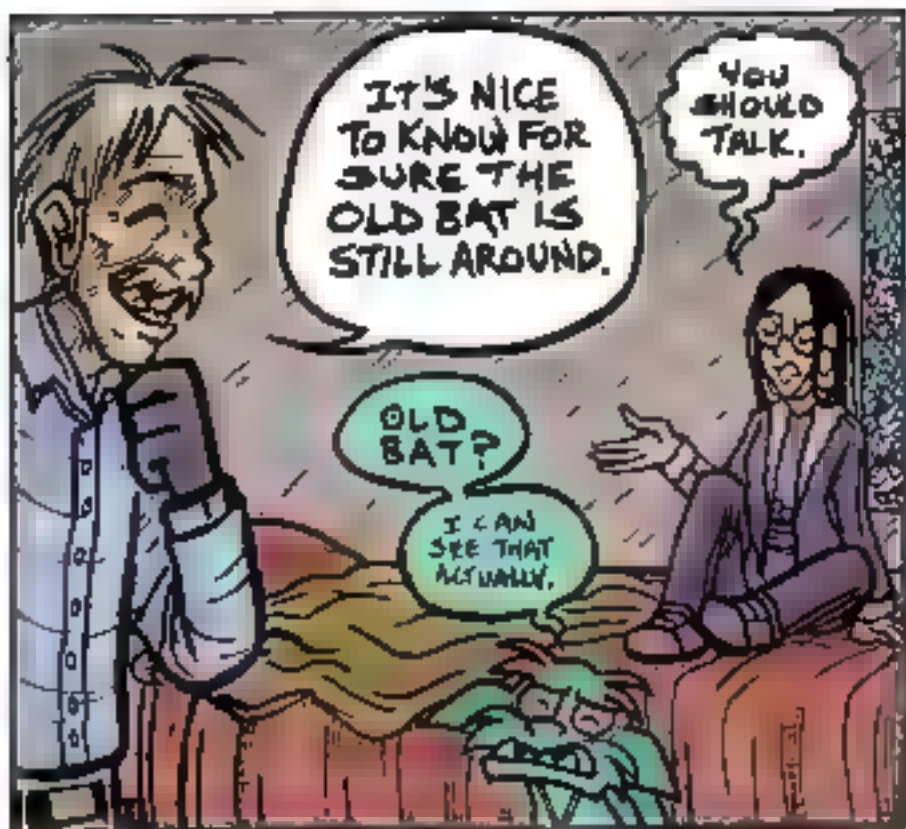


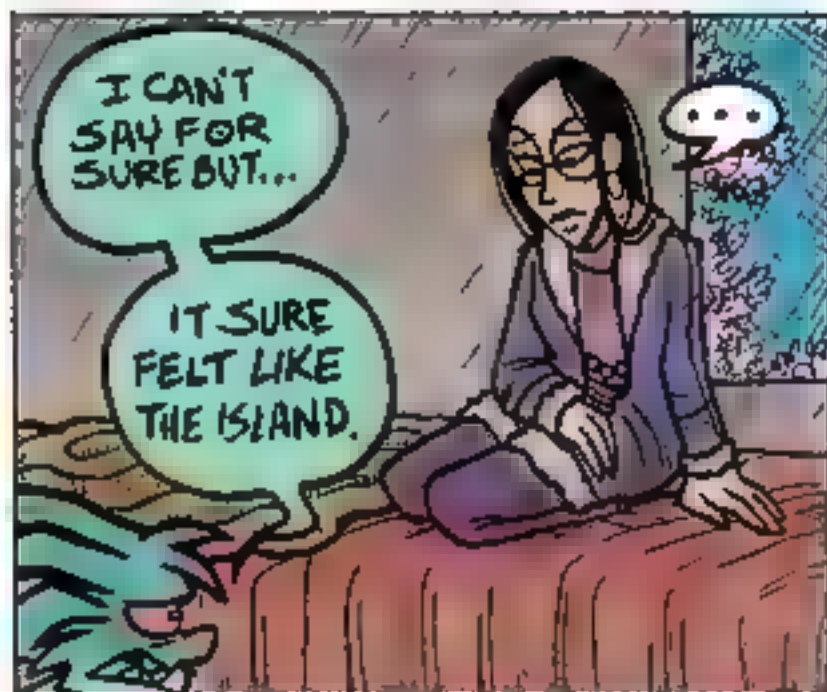
THAT OLD LADY...?
...WE'VE MET.









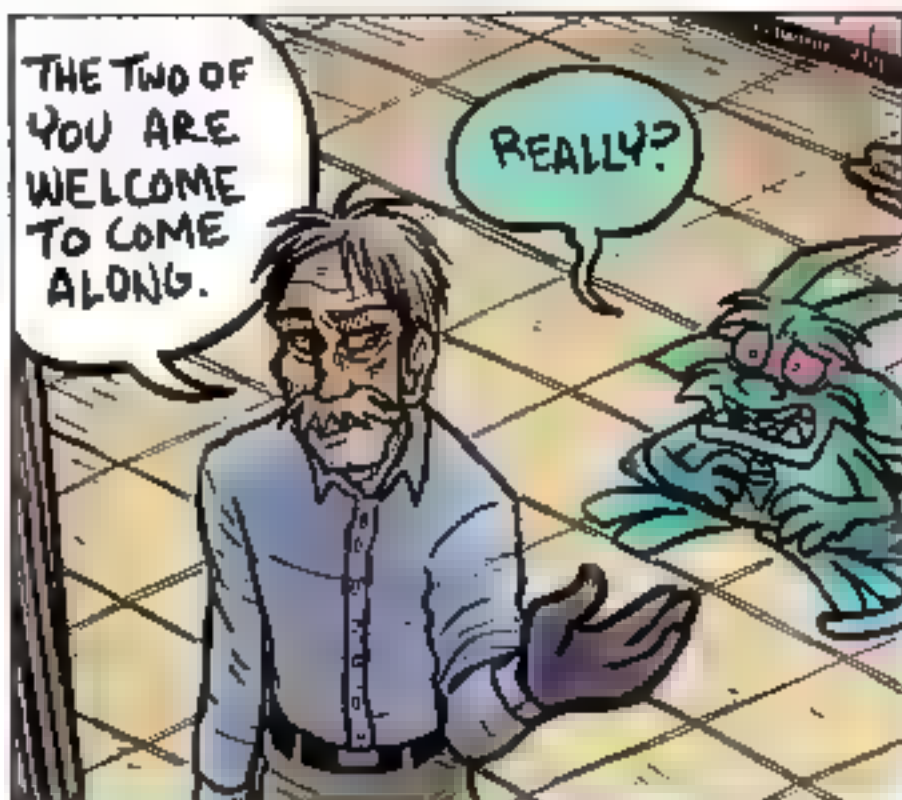


IF YOU AND MAGGOT
STAY HERE, YOU
WOULDN'T LAST IN
THE COLD WEATHER.



THE TWO OF
YOU ARE
WELCOME
TO COME
ALONG.

REALLY?



AND PERHAPS
WHEN MAGGOT
IS FEELING
BETTER, YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO
RETURN TO
NORMAL.

WELL...

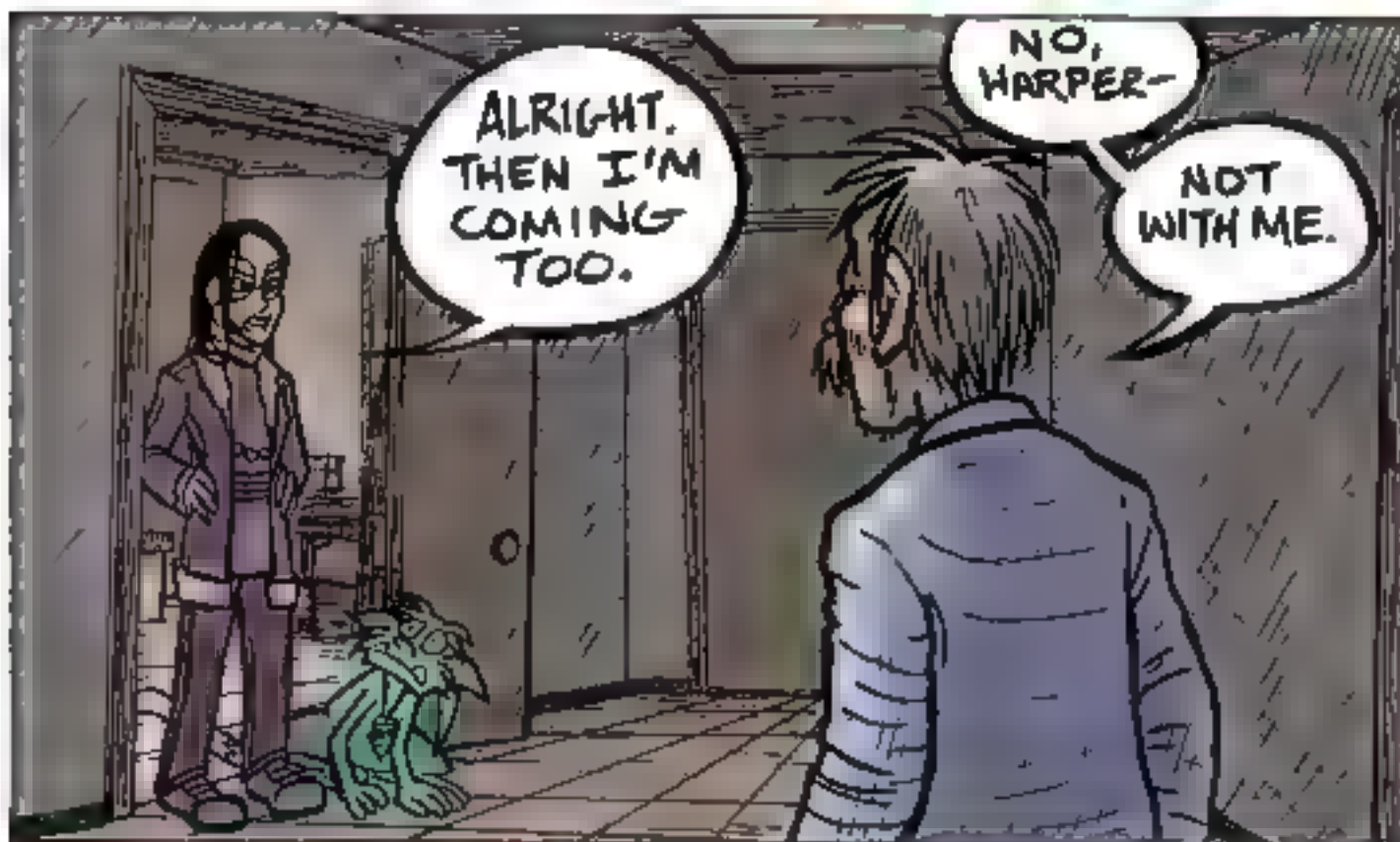
MAYBE.

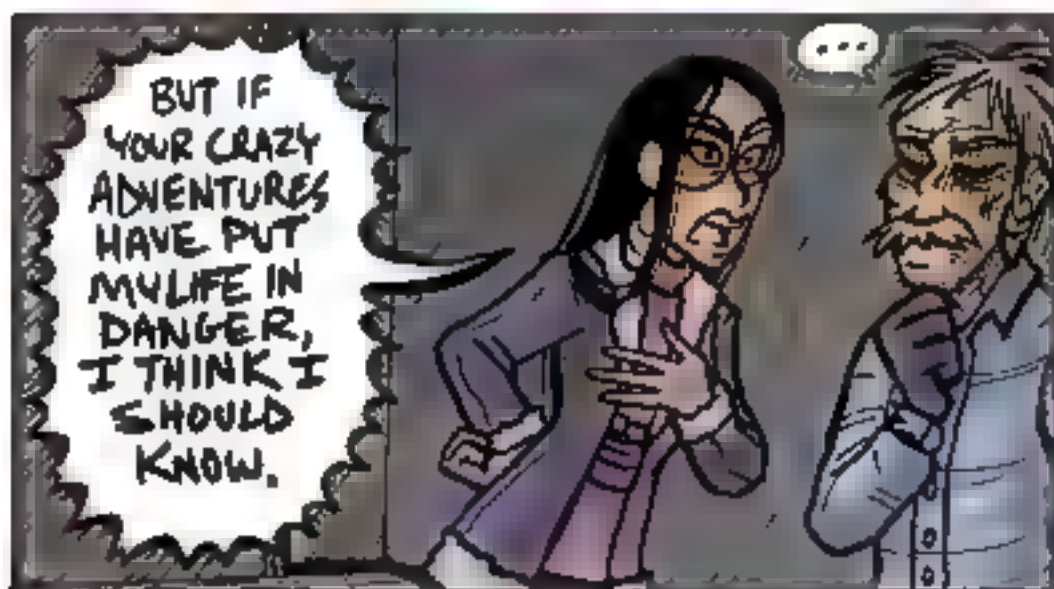


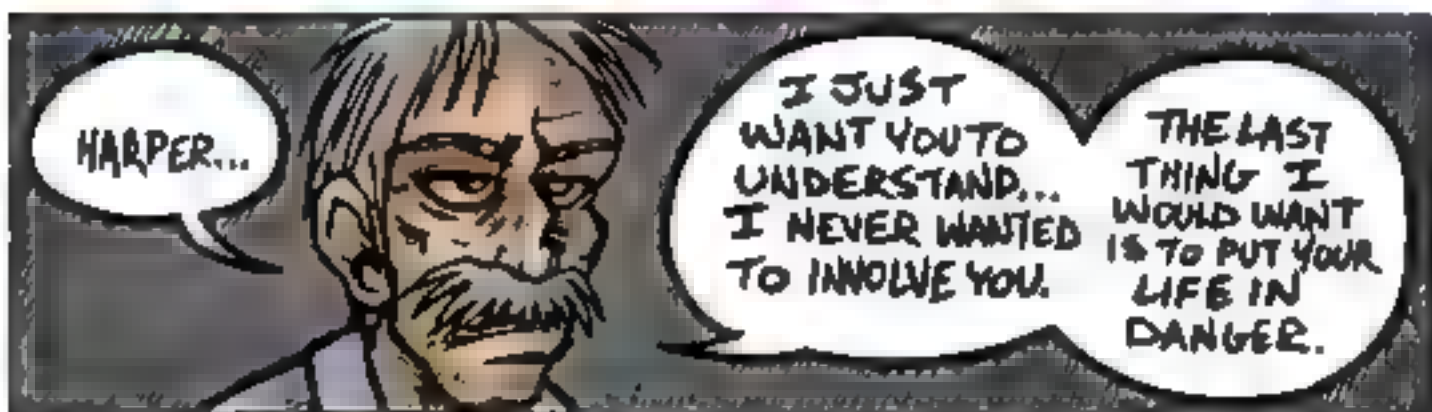
ALRIGHT.
THEN I'M
COMING
TOO.

NO,
HARPER-

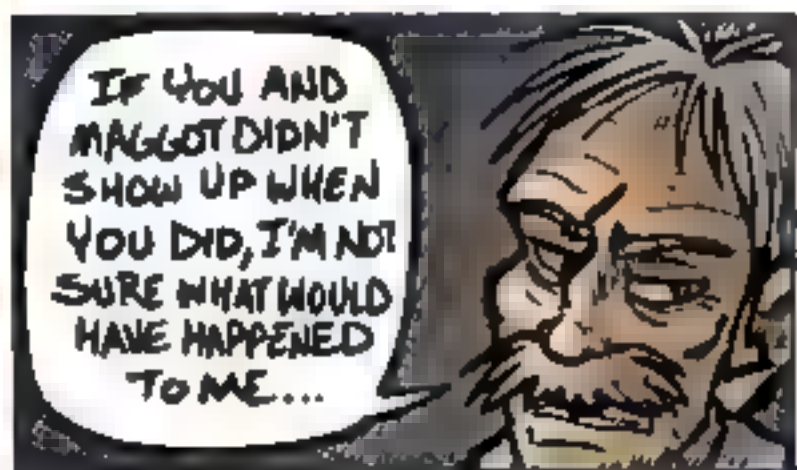
NOT
WITH ME.



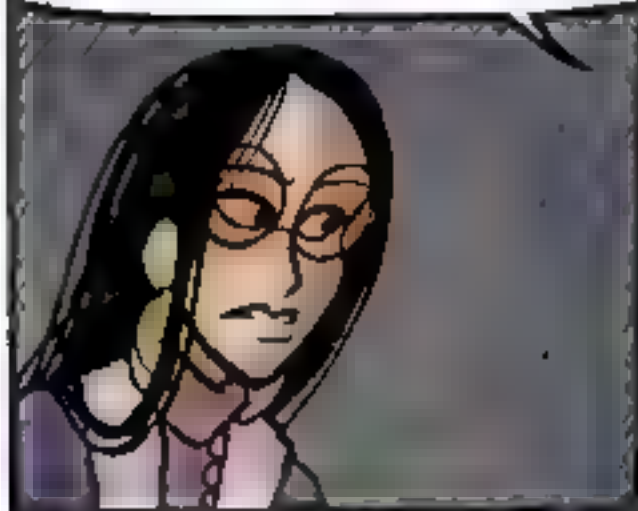




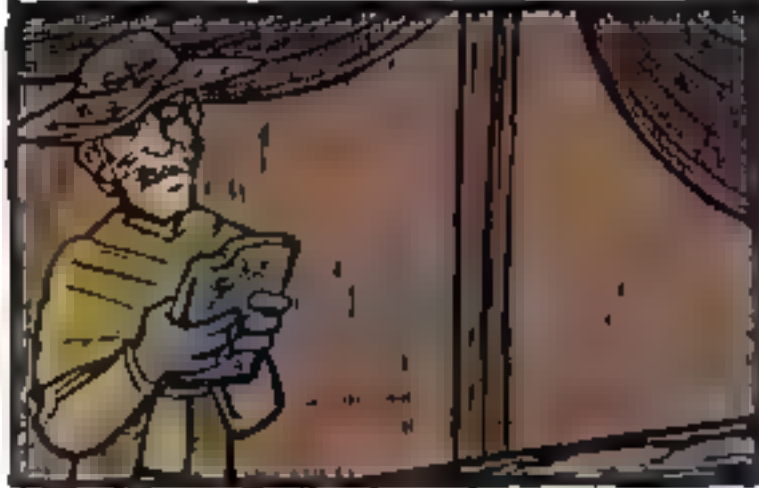
WHEN I CALLED YOU TO LOOK INTO
THE LAST TIME WE MET,
I DIDN'T KNOW THOSE
BANDITS WOULD BE THERE.



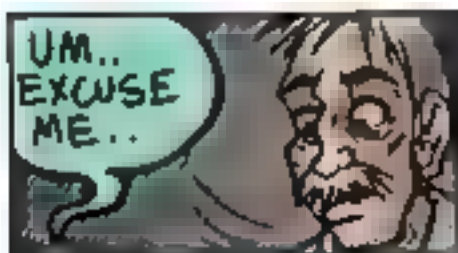
BUT I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE
WITH MY EYES ON THE GAUNTLET.



AFTER YOU WENT BACK HOME, I GAINED
OWNERSHIP OF THE STONE TABLET—
WHICH I BELIEVE WILL LEAD TO THE SECOND GAUNTLET.



UM..
EXCUSE
ME..



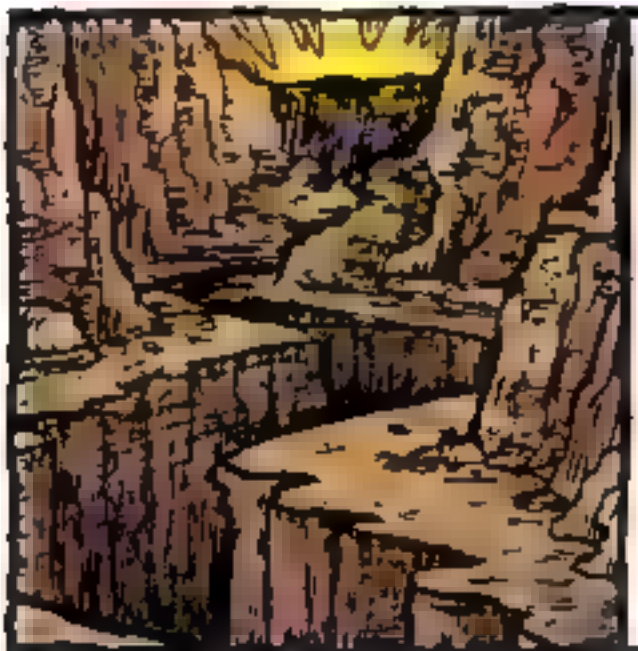
BANDITS? GAUNTLETS?
I'M SORRY.. BUT
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



SORRY..
I SUPPOSE
I SHOULD
EXPLAIN.



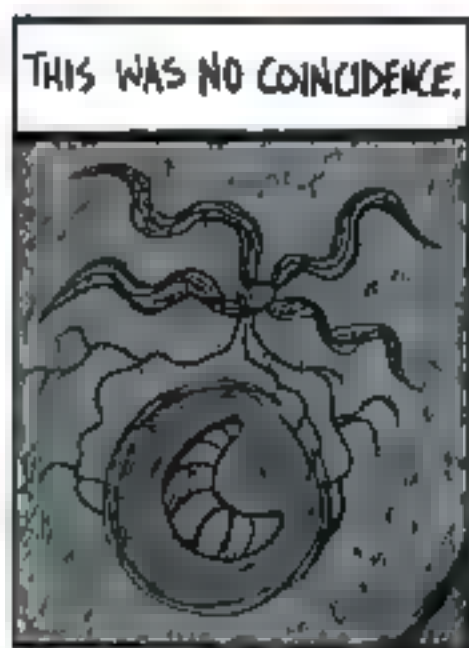
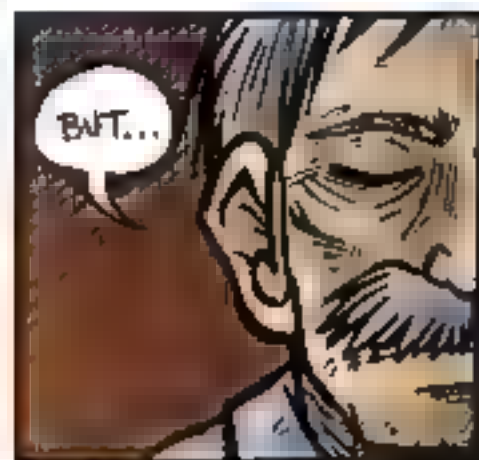
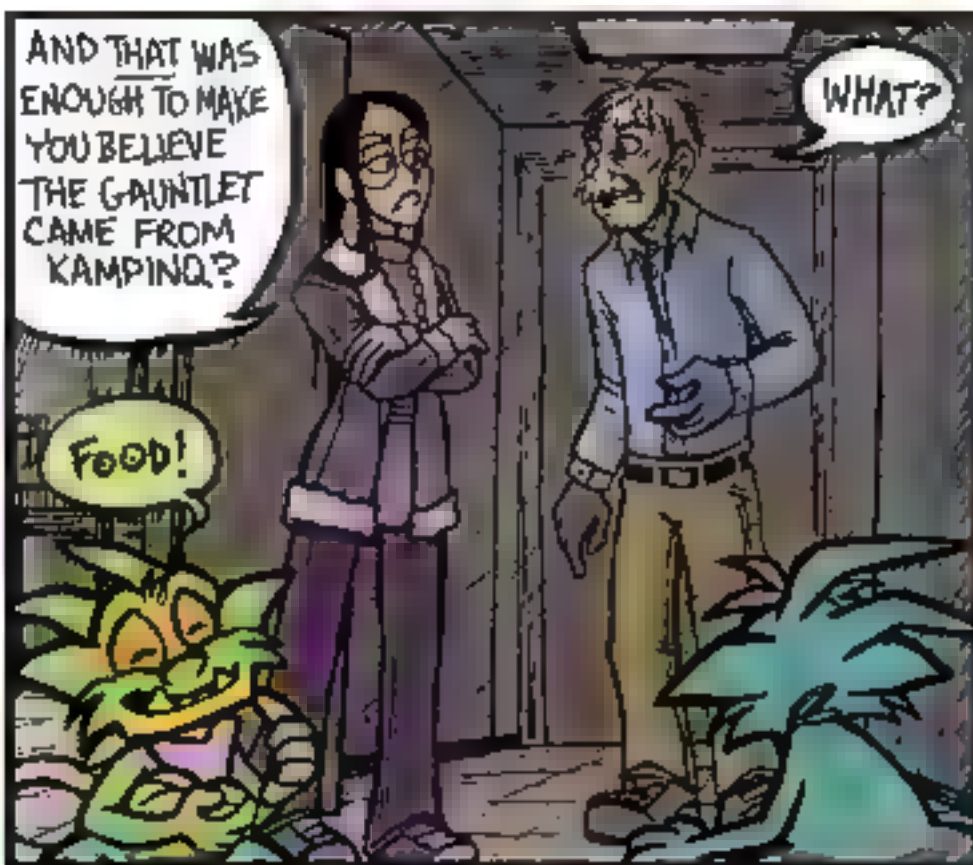
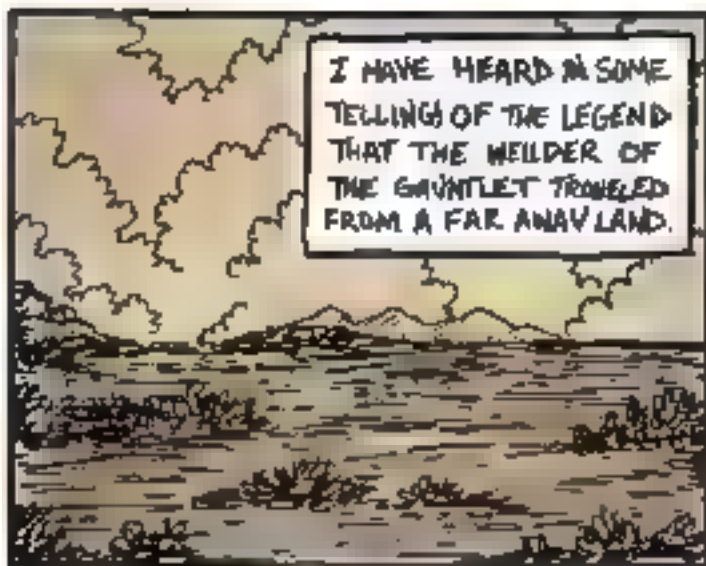
ACTUALLY,
LEGENDS OF
THE GAUNTLETS
ARE REALLY QUITE
WELL KNOWN
IN SOME
CULTURES.



LEGEND STATES
THAT THE WELDER
OF THE GAUNTLET
CREATED A
GREAT RIFT IN
THE LANDSCAPE,
SWALLOWING UP
HIMSELF AND THE
GAUNTLET IN
THE PROCESS.
THAT WAS WHERE
THE GAUNTLET
WAS FOUND.

ONE OF THE GAUNTLETS
WAS SAID TO BE THE
CAUSE OF A GREAT
WAR IN ANCIENT LOKINITI.





THERE WERE OLDER KAMPINQEAN LEGENDS ABOUT THE GAUNTLETS INVOLVING FROGOBLIMS.

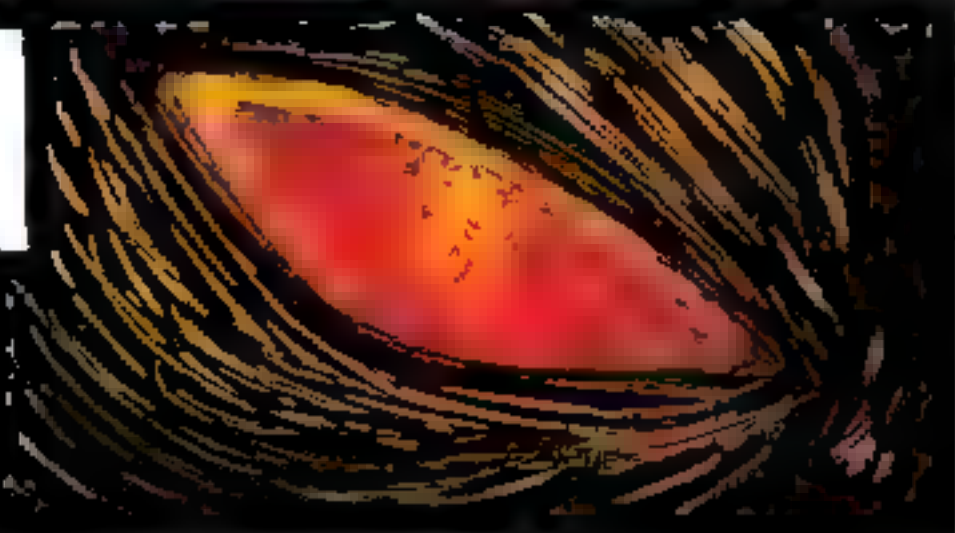


CERTAIN LEGENDS STATED THEY WERE USED TO CREATE AN ALTERNATE POCKET OF REALITY FOR FROGOBLIMS TO DWELL IN.



BUT THE GAUNTLETS COULD ALSO BE USED TO EXPOSE HOLES IN REALITY...

...EXPOSING THINGS WHICH SHOULD NOT EXIST IN OUR WORLD.



THAT KIND OF POWER COULD LEAD THE WORLD INTO COMPLETE CHAOS.



THAT SOUNDS MORE LIKE A BAD SCIENCE FICTION CONCEPT THAN SOMETHING THAT COULD HAPPEN.

I LIKED THE PART WITH FROGOBLIMS!

